

committee of grievances and courts of justice, to consist of five members. 5th. A committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to consist of five members. 6th. A committee on divorces, to consist of five members. 7th. A committee on special acts of insolvency, to consist of five members. 8th. A committee on the militia, to consist of five members.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the question was put, That the following be received as a substitute? Ordered, That the speaker appoint the usual standing committees. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following order was read. Ordered, That the rules of the last session be adopted for the government of this house.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That the clerk do furnish for the use of the legislature twelve copies of the laws, and twelve copies of the votes and proceedings of the last session.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following order was read:

Ordered, That the serjeant at arms do procure for the use of each member of this house, such newspapers as they may respectively direct, not exceeding one daily paper for each member.

Mr. Kennedy moved to amend it so as to confine it to one of each of the newspapers printed in Annapolis. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the word "daily" was stricken out of the order.

On motion by Mr. Williams, the question was put, That the words "at the expence of each member requiring a paper," be added thereto. Determined in the negative.

The order was then assented to.

The house adjourns until to morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, December 28, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings were read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

By the Senate, Dec. 27, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate having formed a quorum are ready to proceed with the business of the session. We have chosen the honourable William R. Stuart president, and William Kilty, esquire, chief clerk, and propose to sit, for the dispatch of public business, from 10 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

William Kilty, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Teackle presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying for a confirmation of the act of the last legislature with respect to the subdivision of the said county into election districts; referred to Messrs. Teackle, Benj. J. Jones and Arnold E. Jones.

On motion by Mr. Williams, the following order was read:

Ordered, That on the election to be made for a third committee clerk for the western shore, the choice be restricted to one of the two who had an equal number of votes on the first ballot for committee clerk. And